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SUBJ: WEST BANK PRESS REACTION: CAMP DAVID SUMMIT

1. MODERATE AL QUDS CONTINUES TO ANALYZE POSSIBILITIES FOR
SUCCESS AT CAMP DAVID AND PREDICTS AMERICAN "DECISIVENESS"
HOLDS KEY TO SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE. ALL PAPERS CONDEMN THE
LACK OF PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION.

2. AL QUDS (AUG. 28) ANALYZES THE ISRAELI POSITION PRIOR TO
CAMP DAVID AND SEES STRATEGY AIMED AT CREATING ARAB-AMERICAN
CONFRONTATION AND WORRIES THAT TAILURE "WILL OPEN THE DOOR TO THE
SOVIET UNION" IN THE AREA. THE PAPER CHARGES PRESIDENT CARTER WITH
RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAKING SUCCESS OF SADAT'S INITIATIVE WHICH
"PLACED 99 PER CENT OF THE TRUMP CARDS IN THE HANDS OF THE
U.S."

3. IF THE CONFERENCE FAILS AL QUDS URGES THE ARABS "TO REASSESS"
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THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. WHICH HAS NOT "FULFILLED MINIMUM
ARAB REQUESTS NOR RESPONDED TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF PALESTINIAN
HOPES AND RIGHTS". THE PAPER CONCLUDES "IGNORING PALESTINIAN
RIGHTS WILL TRANSFORM THE U.S. FROM THE ONLY VICTOR OF THE
OCTOBER WAR TO THE ONLY LOSER BECAUSE SHE WILL LOSE HER
POLITICAL BATTLE FOR THE REALIZATION OF A SETTLEMENT IN THE
MIDDLE EAST."

4. ON AUG, 29 THE EDITORIAL OF AL QUDS LABELS THE POSITIONS OF EGYPT AND ISRAEL AS "A DIALOGUE OF THE DEAF." THE WRITER PESSIMISTICALLY DEDUCES THAT "SAYING THE CONFERENCE WILL END IN FAILURE IS NEITHER BURYING ONE'S HEAD IN THE SAND NOR SUFFERING FROM DELUSIONS." SADAT'S DELAY IN FRANCE MEANS "SADAT IS HIMSELF NOT PROCEEDING TO THE CONFERENCE WITH ENTHUSIASM."

5. AL QUDS (AUG. 30) DEVOTES ITS EDITORIAL TO IRAN, BUT FEATURES IN ITS MAIN HEADLINES WIRE SERVICE REPORTS (AFP AND REUTER) OF U.S. CONSIDERATION OF A REGIONAL SECURITY PACT INVOLVING THE WEST BANK, GAZA AND MODERATE ARAB STATES. THE AIM OF THE PACT THE PAPER REPORTS WILL BE "TO KEEP THE SOVIETS OUT OF THE MIDDLE EAST."

6. PALESTINIAN NATIONALIST ASHA'B (AUG. 30) PRESENTS THE MODERATE NATIONALIST POSITION IN DISCUSSING REPORTS FROM THE SAUDI PRESS THAT CAMP DAVID WILL CONSIDER MASSIVE U.S. ECONOMIC AID FOR THE WEST BNK AND GAZA. "THIS NEWS, IRRESPECTIVE OF ITS RELIABILITY PRESENTS UNDENIABLE FACTS; I.E. THAT ECONOMIC FACTORS PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN SOLVING POLITICAL PROBLEMS..." "...OUR POSITION (IS) THAT A PROSPEROUS PALESTINIAN STATE WILL ENHANCE SECURITY, STABILITY AND PROSPERITY MORE THAN ANY OTHER FACTOR IN THEPEACH PROCESS..." THE PAPER JUDGES THAT WITHOUT PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION "CAMP DAVID IS NOT QUALIFIED TO ESTABLISH THE JUST
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AND PERMANENT PEACE FOR WHICH THE AREA ASPIRES."

7. AL FAJR (AUG. 30) CONDEMNS AMERICAN "IMPERIALISM" AS EXHIBITED BY CAMP DAVID AND WARNS THE ARAB PRESS AGAINST PROMOTING AN AMERICAN "PREDETERMINED" POLICY WHICH WILL BE IMPOSED UPON THE PALESTINIANS WITHOUT THEIR PARTICIPATION.
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